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CHRISTIAN FRONT PLEDGES SUPPORT TO SENATOR REYNOLDS

Wide Campaign is Aimed Against Foreign-Born

On January 26, at a Christian Front gathering in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, one of the key speakers stated that the Front was solidly behind the anti-alien policies of U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina. The speaker declared that the Senator himself had given his personal endorsement to the anti-alien activities of this Coughlin-created organization, seventeen of whose leaders were recently arrested by the F.B.I. on charges of sedition.

Introduced to the gathered Fronters as "Mr. Hahn," the speaker expressed his warm admiration for the anti-alien bills to which Senator Reynolds has given his leadership, and observed that passage of these bills fitted into the program of the Christian Front. The crowd responded with enthusiastic applause to the mention of the Senator's name. When the applause had died down, Hahn read from a letter -- which he claimed he had recently received from Senator Reynolds -- praising his (Hahn's) work in the anti-alien field.

Reynolds Heads Campaign Embracing More Than 70 Bills

More than seventy bills, with the cumulative goal of creating a special class of some three million suspects and outcasts in America, are now pending in Congress. These are the bills aimed at the foreign-born, and the campaign to make them laws is headed by Senator Reynolds. Chief of reactionary Vindicators, Reynolds is co-author of a bill which would establish a passport system and stringent police surveillance for millions of men and women in the United States, and is constantly proposing and supporting other, even more severe measures against non-citizens resident in this country. The alien-passport bill, favorably reported from the Senate Immigration Committee, is now on the Senate calendar. The Starnes Bill, calling for deportation of aliens of certain categories, has passed both the House and the Senate and is now in its near-final stage of preparation before going to the White House for the President's signature. The Smith Bill, providing for the fingerprinting of one category of aliens and deporta-

tion of another, has passed the House and is ready for the Senate with a favorable report by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Hobbs Bill, threatening concentration camps for undeportable foreign-born, has passed the House and is recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Heartened by this and similar successes, Senator Reynolds and his friends are advocating wholesale deportations of aliens and complete suspension of immigration for a period of ten years. Not to be outdone, Congressman Dies demands deportation of "seven million aliens." He hasn't bothered to ascertain from U. S. official figures that there are at present only 3,800,000 aliens in the country.

#### Hundreds of Reactionary Groups Back Anti-Alien Movement

Supporters of today's anti-alien movement in this country number hundreds of organizations. They include: American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Immigration Conference Board, Vindicators, Associated Farmers, American Nationalist Federation, Ku Klux Klan, Silver Shirts, American Nationalist Party, American Patriotic Guards, Black Legion, American White Guards, Order of '76, Paul Reveres, Inc., James True Associates, Christian Front. The largest organized group restricting itself solely to the circulation of anti-foreign-born propaganda is the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies. President of the American Coalition is the millionaire patrioteer, John B. Trevor. The Coalition consists of about one hundred ten self-styled patriotic organizations, and its principal activity to date has been Congressional lobbying for the passage of repressive anti-alien measures.

These organizations present a varied picture of social strata, motives and methods. At the genteel end we see the wealthy Mr. Trevor, the polished-mannered Mr. Mervin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, or the equally elegant Henry Winslow Brooks, who wages his one-man campaign from his Park Avenue home. Scholarly terms of "race integrity" and "race improvement" are employed to cloak attacks upon the foreign-born by Mr. Harry H. Laughlin in his report for the Special Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the New York State Chamber of Commerce. A Wall Street area address and far less distinguished language constitute the tools of Mr. John Cecil and his Immigration Conference Board. And no silken gloves at all conceal the brass knuckles of such anti-alien groups as the Christian Front, Christian Mobilizers, American Nationalist Party, Silver Shirts and the Ku Klux Klan.

#### Two Conferences to Counteract Campaign of Reactionaries

To counteract this campaign of hate and prejudice, two Conferences of democratic forces standing for tolerance and the preservation of the Bill of Rights will be held shortly in New York City and Washington, D. C.

The Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights will take place on Lincoln's Day, February 12, at the Society for Ethical





Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York City. Dr. Robert W. Searle, general secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, is chairman.

The second Conference, called by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, with Ernest Hemingway, famous novelist, and Dr. William Allan Neilson, president emeritus of Smith College, as co-chairmen, will take place on March 2 and 3 at the Hotel Annapolis in Washington, D. C.

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#### KLAN HOLDS SECRET KONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, J. A. Colescott of Atlanta, Ga., has just concluded a three-day week-end Konvention of Eastern Klan leaders in Philadelphia, The Hour learns. The convention, which was held in the home of one of the Pennsylvania Klan leaders, is expected to be followed by several changes in the activities of the Eastern Klan and will include a "law-and-order drive."

As is usual in Klan activities, "law-and-order drives" are only the prelude to further attacks upon the rights of minorities. The first drive, strictly one of "morals," will concern itself with "liquor drinking of minors in saloons and roadhouses." This is to be followed by a "white Protestantism" revival, which will be used as the slogan to reorganize Klaverns in Eastern areas where they have been defunct for some time.

As was foretold in The Hour for January 27, Colescott is visiting the East to reorganize Klansmen in that section. He is traveling secretly throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. According to reports from investigators, the most effective Klan activities of late have been in New Jersey, where night rides, cross-burnings and Klan meetings are regular occurrences. A Jersey City minister, Rev. A. M. Young, is the New Jersey Imperial Grand Wizard. Rev. Young has been an active Klansman for more than twenty-five years.

#### Southern Klan also Active in Reshuffling

Increased Klan activity in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama is taking place as a result of a recent tour of that section by ex-veterinarian Colescott. Colescott held a conference with 556 Klan leaders in Orlando, Florida six weeks ago. This is being followed up with night rides, which, according to Klan circles, have resulted in the re-registration of over 3,500 ex-Klansmen. Full-page advertisements are being placed in some Southern publications appealing for organizers and members of the revived Klan.

#### Department of Justice Takes Hand

In Anderson, South Carolina, the Department of Justice is beginning an investigation of recent Klan campaigns of terror as a result

of protests over interference with union organization. Union groups have filed complaints with the Department alleging that the Klan by its terroristic methods has balked attempts to organize workers and is therefore violating the National Labor Relations Act which specifically prohibits such actions.

The Hour also learns that, should this prosecution succeed, union leaders are prepared to file complaints of a similar nature in all communities where the Klan attempts to influence labor organization. The protest in Anderson followed a reign of terror in which several workers were taken out and beaten and slugged by masked Klansmen. One of the victims told a reporter for The Hour that, "they said they were beating me because I didn't give my wife enough money and because I beat my five-year old boy. I have never been married and have no children."

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## CHICAGO FRIENDS OF BUNDITES, SILVER SHIRTS OBTAIN PUBLIC OFFICE

Mayor Kelly of Chicago has just appointed pro-Nazi Pastor George L. Scherger to the Library Board of Chicago, according to the latest reports from our Midwestern correspondents. This is the second appointment to public office in Chicago of a man openly sympathetic to Hitler Germany and Kuhn's Bund. Previously Mayor Kelly had named Paul H. Mueller, publisher of the vigorously pro-Nazi Abendpost, as Superintendent of Special Assessments and Secretary of the Board of Local Improvements.

Pastor Scherger, the only German Protestant cleric of Chicago who has close contacts with Bund members, always received good publicity in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, official Bund paper. At various times during the past year the paper reported that the Pastor was president of a collection drive for money to replace the ill-fated Zeppelin Hindenburg; that Pastor Scherger officiated at a wedding of an O. D. man (storm trooper), whose comrades were present in full uniform; and that Pastor Scherger together with German Consul General Dr. E. L. Baer was speaker at several meetings extolling the virtues of Hitlerism.

The Abendpost, published by Paul H. Mueller, who now earns \$5,300 a year as a Chicago civil servant, zealously printed all the news and press handouts of the United Front group of Dr. Homer Maerz, Coughlinite and Silver Shirter. Maerz was recently sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of from one to ten years (see The Hour of January 6)

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE SALE DROPS

As a result of the decline in the metropolitan sale of Father Coughlin's Social Justice, the New York branch of the Social Justice Distributors' Club has closed its doors. Since the exposure of Coughlin by private and federal agencies, the circulation of the publication has shrunk from a reported 1,000,030 top to a current 500,000 copies.

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## COUGHLINITE ZOLL RENEWS ACTIVITIES WHILE AWAITING TRIAL

Allan Zoll, indicted Coughlinite leader, currently awaiting trial for attempted extortion of the \$7,500 from Radio Station WMCA in New York to call off the Coughlin picket line around that station, is continuing his "patriotic activities" at his old stand, the Hotel Iroquois in New York, The Hour learns.

Zoll has revived his American Patriots, Inc., first formed by himself two years ago, and is also cooperating actively with an alleged "neutrality group," calling itself "The Emergency Council to Keep the United States Out of Foreign War." The American Patriots are still soliciting funds to carry on their work. They claim that the funds are being used "for patriotic purposes."

A reporter for The Hour, who checked with Zoll's headquarters, learned that the American Patriots are still functioning and that Zoll is anxiously scurrying around town surrounding himself with people who, he feels, will be considered of good repute, to act as character witnesses at his coming trial.

The Emergency Council to keep the United States out of Foreign War was formed last September with Zoll playing a behind-the-scenes role. Included on its Board of Governors are: the Rev. Francis X. Talbot, editor of the Catholic publication America, which has frequently praised Father Coughlin; George U. Harvey, reactionary borough president of Queens, New York; Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, pro-fascist editor of several alien-baiting books; Miss Margaret Hooper, Director of the American Federation against Communism, another "super-patriotic group."

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## FASCIST AMERICAN GUARDS FORMED IN CHICAGO

A new anti-Semitic fascist unit, calling itself The American Guard, has been formed in Chicago to cooperate in the latest anti-Semitic drive. The unit, which is headed by A. E. Hornly, has established headquarters at 179 West Washington Street. Hornly is being assisted in his work by Arthur L. Ballas a Chicago lawyer.

The new unit, which is not to be confused with an earlier group of the same name organized by Herr Titzoff in Chicago several years ago to advocate the setting up of ghettos in every large American city, has been distributing pamphlets containing scurrilous attacks upon racial minorities. Special emphasis is being given to the attack upon refugees entering the United States.

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